ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
August 9th, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

"No one who believes in him will be put to shame." – Romans 10: 11b

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.
We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.
Prelude: La fille aux cheveux de lin – Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
Give thanks to God!
We will tell the world what God has done.
Let us bring praise to the name of our Creator.
We will honour God's name with shouts of joy!
Recall all that God provides.
Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult"*** ***#672***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

Merciful and patient God,
we confess our fear, doubt and anger and
all the ways we are less than you call us to be.
You call us to live with courage and perseverance,
yet we give up too easily and opt for the safer route.
You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for justice,
yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness.
You command us to love,
yet we are too often thoughtless and cruel.
Forgive us our sins and.
renew our lives through your mercy and grace.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"The storm is strong, we face the wind"*** ***#728 (tune #126)***

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Kings 19: 9-18 - Dan Wachowicz

Psalm 85: 8-13

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22-33 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Walking and Sinking" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: La Poupée, from *Jeux d'enfants* – Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: ***"What a friend we have in Jesus"*** ***#746***

Benediction

A-men, a-men, a- - - - men

Postlude: Sonata in D Major, K. 381 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert



A SPECIAL WELCOME is extended to our visitors this morning. Please sign the guest book in the entranceway, or fill out a visitor's envelope found in the pews. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St. Andrew's.
HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.
CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.
LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.
CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrewsyxe.ca, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Yard Sale
Outreach would once again like to thank everyone for their support of our Yard Sale on July 25th whether they helped us out during the day, or trusted us with their treasures. Between cash and tap, we were able to raise over $1935 for the amazing work that is being done at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. Great job everyone!

OPERATION SANDWICHES: Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry requires sandwiches for its lunch program. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **following worship today**, or make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation "Operation Sandwiches", and place it in the offering plate.



Want to donate to the church? Electronically is so easy, secure, and you have several options:



- E-transfer from your bank account, using the church email finance@standrewsyxe.ca
- Fill out a PAR form, available on the entranceway table, to have a set amount withdrawn from your bank account each month
- The church website has a donate button, and tithe.ly is the platform to help you do that
- On Sundays, there are folks available to help you with debit and credit cards

For each of these options, you are always able to direct that the funds go exactly where you'd like them to go. Any unspecified donation goes into the general category of Ministry and Maintenance. If you'd still like to put something in the offering plate, there are cards available on the entranceway table for electronic givers.



Please remember that monetary donations to outside agencies, such as Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, The Canadian Bible Society and Camp Christopher should be sent directly to them, not through St. A.'s. Initially, SNCM and Camp Christopher did not have their own charitable designation, so St. Andrew's was happy to be able to provide a receipt at year end. There used to be a Canadian Bible Society store right here, but that's been closed for years, and all bookkeeping is done through their national office. The Canada Revenue Agency is very particular about what goes through the books of a charitable agency, and while it's not impossible for us to pass along your donations to other agencies, it requires a lot of frustrating paperwork, delays, questions, phone calls, and explanations that they are very skeptical about accepting. We never want to discourage people from being generous! Things like Operation Sandwiches, the Session Benevolence Fund, the Flower Fund, and gifts to The Presbyterian Church in Canada for Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D are considered more "in house" donations, and are not questioned as intently by the CRA. We don't like being the focus of the CRA!

If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to do so.
Share your requests and updates with the Team through Margaret Wilson by email **ma.wilson@shaw.ca** or text 306-227-7100

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- Copies of the summer issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- Contact Information Forms
- The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- PAR Forms
- The Annual Report

Missed out on a worship service?
If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:
1) Visit standrewsyxe.ca
2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin

In Our Wider Community

St. Mary's Food Hampers
Thank you to everyone who has donated food items towards filling St. Mary's hampers. We have taken 4 large boxes, and they are very appreciative. We mentioned before that they distribute their hampers on Wednesday and Friday of each week. In recent weeks they have noticed a major increase in the number of families coming in to collect the hampers, with many of those showing up for the hampers being grandparents and their grandchildren.
We realize that there are many people in Saskatoon having problems putting food on their tables. If you are in a situation where you cannot help, or if you are helping somewhere else, that is fine, but if this is something that you feel that you might help with, please bring your items to church and place it in the bin in the entryway. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry to help St. Mary's ensure that no one goes hungry in Saskatoon. We will continue to keep the bin in the entryway for your convenience.
Current needs for the hampers are:
· Spam or other canned ham
· Evaporated milk
· Pasta Sauce in cans (no glass please)
· Pasta (both small and big bundles)
· KD
· Pork and Beans Cans
· Canned Veggies
· Chicken Noodle Soup
· Tomato Soup
· Bologna
· Beef Wieners
· Small trays or small rolls of ground beef (only small ones please as we do not handle/divide meat packs for safe food purposes)
· Granola Bars

· Juice Boxes (individual)
Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Opportunities at **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries**

- "Circle, Church and Culture", Wednesdays at 1:30pm
- Clothing donations – drop off 9am-3pm weekdays

See posters for more information

Gustin House presents . . .
Tracy Dahl, soprano and Laura Loewen, pianist on Tuesday, August 25th
Tuesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Canada's premier coloratura soprano, Tracy Dahl, who has sung on prestigious stages around the world, gives a recital in the Lyell Gustin Series. From her appearances in musical theatre to performances in finest venues across Europe and North America, Ms. Dahl has been praised for beautiful silvery tone, marvellous vocal agility, and dramatic flair for both comedy and tragedy.
With versatile and vivid collaborative pianist, Laura Loewen, Ms. Dahl will perform a delightful mixed program–songs of summer, love, and life: selections from opera and musical theatre, art song, works traditional and contemporary, including light-hearted pieces. An enchanting summer evening!
Tickets, $50 regular / $30 student, at St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin House Committee, and at the door; more information and tickets at www.gustinhouse.ca
n.b. Child 12 or Under, free if accompanied by an adult.



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, August 9



Abena Asabiliga, a 46-year-old woman from Sumaduri in the Garu District of Northern Ghana, became physically impaired in infancy due to polio. Because of stigma, discrimination and her family's poverty, she lived an isolated and difficult life. After being identified in a community survey by community-based rehabilitation staff working for the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, her family and community received sensitization on disability rights, which helped reduce negative attitudes. With support from PWS&D, Abena received a tricycle for mobility, business skills training and start-up capital. She now sells snacks near a school and earns a living. She said, "My life has changed, and I can now move independently with the use of the tricycle that was provided to me. I am so grateful."

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 9 (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples) We honour and give thanks for the unique and diverse languages, cultures, knowledge and governance systems of Indigenous peoples around the world.

Monday, August 10 We pray for the health and wellbeing of staff and volunteers of the National Indigenous Ministries Council ministries and the people and communities they walk with and serve.

Tuesday, August 11 We pray for staff and campers at Camp MacLeod in Albert Bridge, NS, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Wednesday, August 12 (Opening day of Collective 2026) Lord, bless all who gather at Collective 2026 with curiosity, joy, and a deep sense of your presence.

Thursday, August 13 For the generous hospitality offered by the staff at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre 365 days a year, we give thanks.

Friday, August 14 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kingston.

Saturday, August 15 We pray for the staff and faculty at Knox College who serve with dedication and care. May God grant them wisdom in their ministries, patience in their guidance, and joy in their calling.